

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: Read motion.

RESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President, members of the legislature, now when LB1032 was established in the district and county judges bill was adopted. There were a good many senators in here who voted for it because it had the provision that the judges would be elected. Now, I'm not opposed to these judges, I respect them very highly. But the judges have only served a year and three months and here we are trying to freeze them into that position for life. Now I think that it is wrong to do this. I think that if the people would know that when they elect these people that they are electing them to a lifetime job that would be entirely a different matter. I think that by adopting this amendment to make this state that after the judges go through one more election then would be be much better than what the bill calls for now. Now these judges that are doing a real good job, they are not going to have any fear for running for reelection. Because they know that no attorney will run against them unless they feel that they have got overwhelming odds to be elected. Now I think that we should adopt this amendment because it would give the people an opportunity to screen these fellows a little more closely.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, I would object to or be opposed to the amendment of Senator Stull's for the very reasons that Senator Stull.....a....a...for the reasons that Senator Cavanaugh set forth that the people did vote and if there are any bad spots, and there are a few and there will always be some I suppose no matter what the situation is, but if there are any bad spots with regards to the selection of judges to the electorate, that is where the problem areas are in the state of Nebraska and the county court system. If we go to another election and that is What Seantor Stulls amendment says then we just take the chance of getting more such spots in the state. I think that personally having reviewed the situation that Mr. Dunlevy the court administrator and he watches this very carefully, we have been very fortunate in electing the judges that have been elected, the people did select them and now we can go to the merit plan. I would oppose delaying this any further. I think that we would just get into more trouble as suggested by Senator Cavanaugh.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the Stull amendment? Any further discussion? Senator Stull do you want to close on your amendment?

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(Start Belt #13)

SENATOR STULL: Pass.